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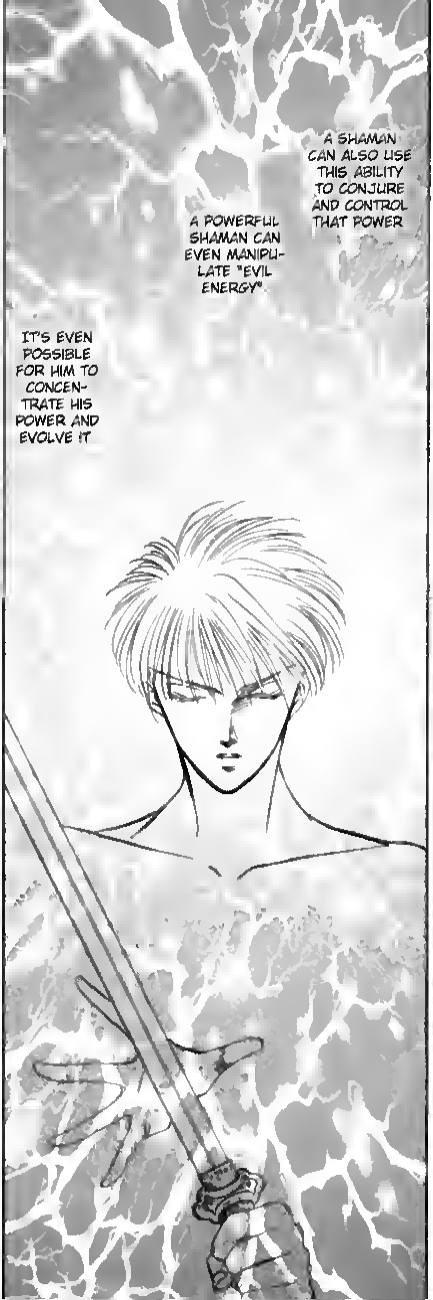
NO WAY.
B-BUT, KURAKI-KUN,
I. ISN'T THAT EXTREMELY BAD?!

OF COURSE.
NO MATTER HOW WEAK THE "EVIL ENERGY" IS, IT'S OVER THE SECOND YOU'RE POSSESSED.
THAT'S WHY I'M SAYING THAT IT MUST BE YOUR IMAGINATION.

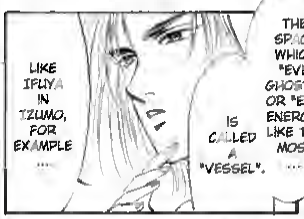
BUT I ALSO THOUGHT IT WAS STRANGE, YOU SEE...
SINCE SHE LOOKED AS IF NOTHING WAS THE MATTER.

I BET YOUR FATHER'S SCOLDED YOU BECAUSE YOU PURSUE THAT "HOBBY"
PAT
AH
I CONJURED IT MYSELF
I'VE NEVER BEEN POSSESSED
WH.. WHAT A RECKLESS GUY..
Oh it just slipped out
I HAVEN'T DONE IT LATELY!!
BECAUSE I'M SURE THE ONLY ONE WHO LOOKS UNCONCERNED WHEN HE'S POSSESSED BY "EVIL ENERGY" IS YOU
BECAUSE "EVIL ENERGY" IS EVEN DANGEROUS FOR A POWERFUL SHAMAN..
WHAT MY FATHER WAS ANGRY ABOUT WAS THAT THERE COULD BE AN ACCIDENT..

GROW
ACCI-
DENT?
IF, BY SOME CHANCE, THE "EVIL ENERGY" SUDDENLY GROWS,
IT'S POSSIBLE THAT IT CAN MAKE THE SHAMAN WHO CONJURED IT INTO ITS MEDIUM.
WHAT IF SHE CALLED AN EVIL GHOST WITHOUT KNOWING IT..
AND THAT SUDDENLY TURNED INTO "EVIL ENERGY"?!
SO..
IT USUALLY TAKES A LOT OF TIME FOR AN EVIL GHOST TO GROW.
NON-
SENSE
IF IT WAS AN EVIL GHOST EVOLVING, IT WOULD MAKE SENSE.
NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT... I THOUGHT THAT IT WAS TOO WEAK FOR "EVIL ENERGY".


A SHAMAN CAN ALSO USE THIS ABILITY TO CONJURE AND CONTROL THAT POWER
A POWERFUL SHAMAN CAN EVEN MANIPULATE "EVIL ENERGY".
IT'S EVEN POSSIBLE FOR HIM TO CONCENTRATE HIS POWER AND EVOLVE IT

BUT YOU JUST SAID IT COULD SUDDENLY GROW...
THAT'S BECAUSE INSIDE OF A SHAMAN THERE'S A SPECIAL SPACE... OR, IN OTHER WORDS, HE'S A "VESSEL".


THE SPACE WHICH "EVIL GHOSTS" OR "EVIL ENERGY" LIKE THE MOST ....
IS CALLED A "VESSEL".
LIKE IPLIYA IN IZUMO, FOR EXAMPLE ....

A SHAMAN IS A MOVING, LIVING "VESSEL".
HE CAN TAKE IN VARIOUS NATURAL "ENERGIES".

BUT IF AN INEXPERI-ENCED SHAMAN DOES IT..
THEN IF YUKA HAS THE MAK-INGS OF A SHAMAN,
SHE COULD HAVE EVOLVED IT WITH-OUT KNOWING
THAT'S POS-SIBLE,
IF SHE HAS NEGATIVE FEELINGS
"NEGA-TIVE"?
EVIL GHOSTS LIKE THE ILL FEELINGS OF HUMANS MOST
LIKE EVIL INTEN-TIONS
HATRED
OR JEAL-OUSY.

I'M GOING TO DISSOLVE IT BEFORE IT DEVOURS HER.
WHERE ARE YOU...?
I COULDN'T QUITE BELIEVE IT BEFORE, AND JUST LET HER GO.
BUT SHE'S IN GRAVE DANGER.
KOH-KUN!!
DASH
EVEN THOUGH YOU'VE NEVER REALLY CONJURED "ENERGY"?
!
CAN YOU DO IT?

I... I CAN DO IT.
WHAT'S AN EVIL GHOST OR TWO?
OH REALLY ?
DON'T FORGET YOU SAID THAT.
YOU OPPOSED MY UNCLE ...
AND HAVEN'T BEEN WORKING ON YOUR CONCENTRATION LATELY EITHER, I BET.
KOH-KUN, KOH-KUN
ARROGANCE OF HIS...
TH... TH. THAT ...
Now, now
TREMBLE
I'M GOING TO BORROW MY UNCLE'S KEYS.
GO TO THE GARAGE.

BEFORE, AS WELL
HE SAID THAT BECAUSE IT WAS YOU, YOU COULD STOP THE
HE JUST SHOWED SOME REGARD FOR YOUR SKILLS.
FOR-GIVE HIM.
YOU KIND OF UNDERSTAND THAT AS WELL, DON'T YOU?
KURAKI-KUN ISN'T GOOD AT PUTTING HIS FEELINGS INTO WORDS.
...
YOU-.

FREE TALK 〈2〉

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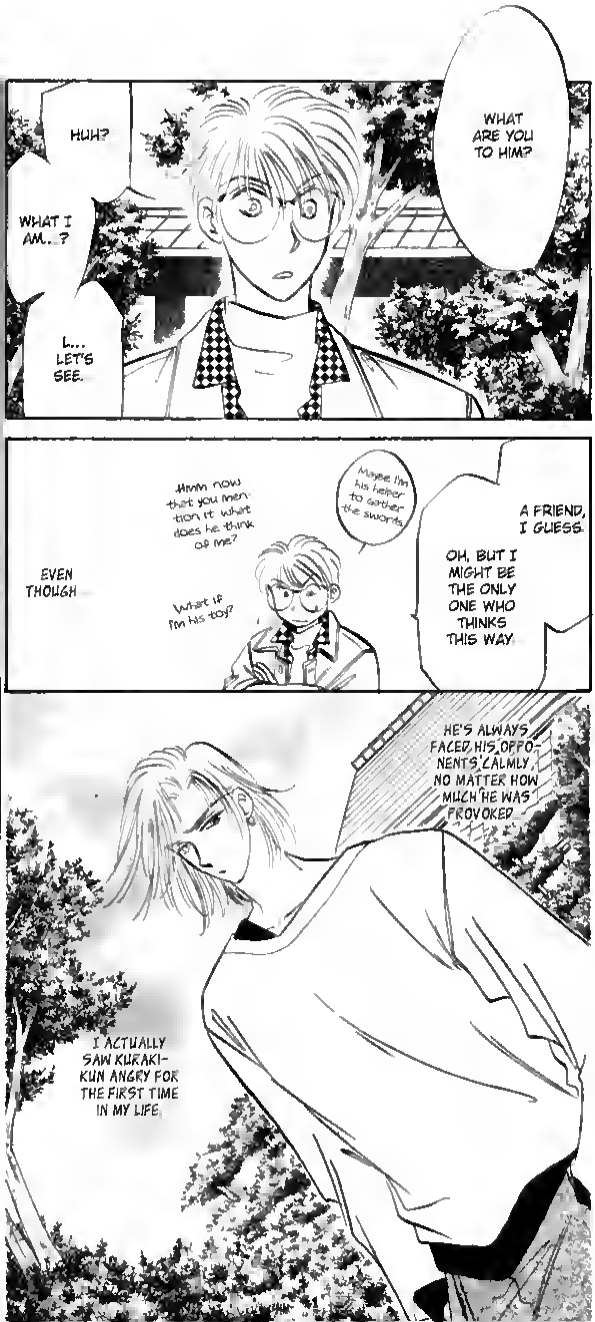
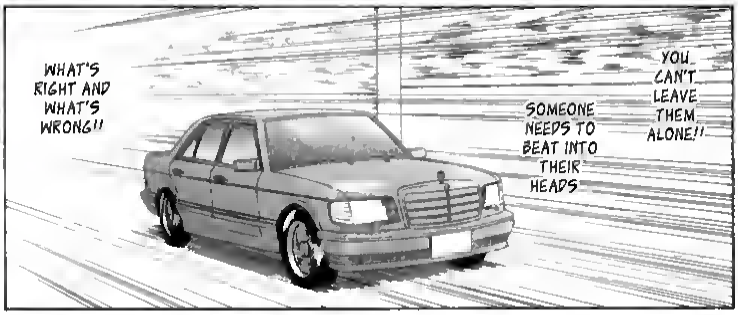


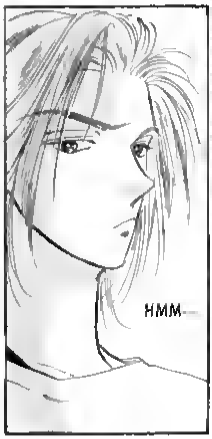
HE WAS NEVER EVEN AGITATED...
I GUESS HE'S THE CAUSE OF ALL THAT, TOO.
JUST WHAT'S WITH THIS GUY--
WHOSE ONLY STRENGTH SEEMS TO BE HIS KINDNESS, ANYWAY?
NA-NACHI
RATTLE
CAN YOU DRIVE?
YES, I CAN.
BUT I DON'T KNOW MY WAY AROUND HERE.
WILL YOU SHOW ME THE WAY, KOH-KUN?

* City located in the western part of the metropolitan area of Tokyo.

SHE'S PROBABLY IN THE "ALLEY OF THE YOUNG PRINCE"
IN KUNI-TACHI*
WHERE IS IT?
IF WE GET CLOSE TO IT, NANACHI CAN...
...WA...
OH, REALLY?
THAT'S TOO MUCH TROUBLE.
I'LL DRIVE
HM ?
WHAT?
I'M GOOD AT DRIVING
THAT'S NOT THE POINT!!
WAIT A MINUTE!
HOW CAN YOU DRIVE ...? YOU DON'T HAVE A DRIVER'S LICENSE, DO YOU?
WHAT ARE YOU BABBLING ABOUT?
IT DOESN'T MATTER WHO DRIVES
AS LONG AS YOU DON'T GET CAUGHT, IT'S OKAY.
UH...

MORONS!
Just get in the car!!
THESE TWO...
YOU...

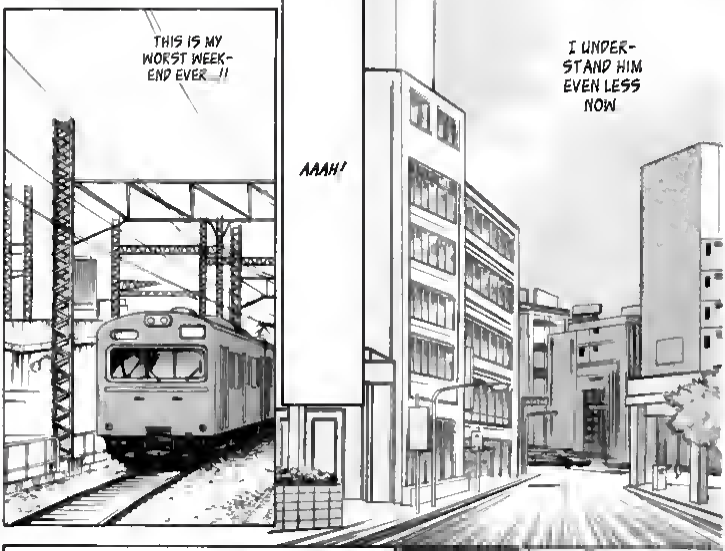

WHAT'S RIGHT AND WHAT'S WRONG!!
SOMEONE NEEDS TO BEAT INTO THEIR HEADS
YOU CAN'T LEAVE THEM ALONE!!


HMM...

HE CAN BE PRETTY BRAVE WHEN HE NEEDS TO

I WOULDN'T OPPOSE HIM.
HE YELLED... AT ME.
EVEN THE GUIDANCE TEACHERS GIVE ME A WIDE BERTH.

八雲立つ


THIS IS MY WORST WEEK-END EVER...!!
AAAH!
I UNDER-STAND HIM EVEN LESS NOW

HE'S CRAZY ABOUT ME
If it's for you I'll wait forever Yuki!
It doesn't matter at all
I WONDER IF HE'S MAD. HE HAS REASON TO BE MAD, DOESN'T HE?
(EVEN IF HE'S MAD, IT DOESN'T MATTER, RIGHT?)

IF I'D KNOWN THAT, I'D HAVE GONE TO MY DATE WITH MINORU.
HA

IF I STOOD KURAKI-KUN UP, IT WOULD BE HORRIBLE, WOULDN'T IT?

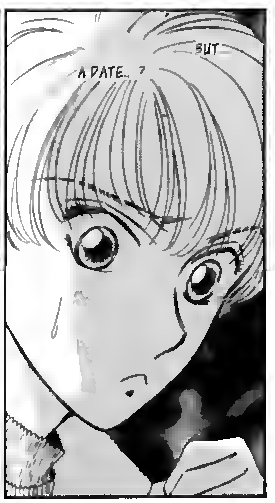
BUT I'M SURE IT WOULDN'T BE ANY FUN!! HE'S A COUNTRY BUMPKIN WHO DOESN'T KNOW ANY OF THE PLACES TO HANG OUT. AND HE WOULDN'T THINK ABOUT MAKING PLANS, I BET. AND I'M SURE IT WOULD BE TOTALLY DISAPPOINTING. WITHOUT A DOUBT!
GLEAM

AND BE INDIFFERENT ABOUT IT, TOO
HE'D GO HOME AFTER FIVE MINUTES, I GUESS
Ah, she's not coming.
BUT...

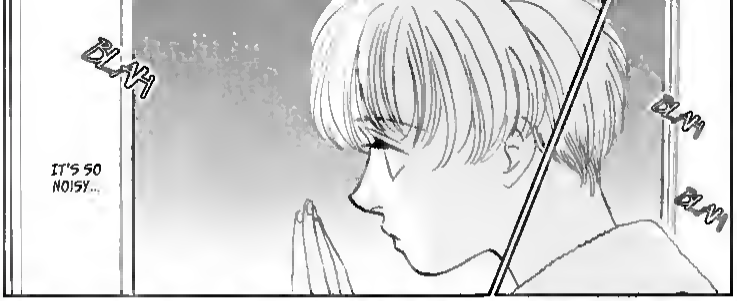
I'D PROBABLY BE 30 MINUTES EARLY AND WAIT FOR HIM.
I WOULD NEVER BE LATE, NOW WOULD I?
Oh, you're early
But of course

PRE— AMY
AN ENTIRE DAY WITH HIM...

A DATE WITH KUKAKI-KUN


BUT...
A DATE...?

QUIETLY LOOK AT ME ALL DAY...
HE WOULD
SIGH
IT'S ABSOLUTELY IMPOSSIBLE AND HOPELESS
THAT'S NEVER GONNA HAPPEN
BUT
THAT WOULD BE SO NICE!
And once in a while he would say some thing
SOMEONE WITH WHOM I COULD HAVE A LITTLE MORE HOPE
OR AT LEAST
WHY DIDN'T I FALL IN LOVE WITH A NICER GUY ?


BLAH
BLAH
BLAH
IT'S SO NOISY...

BLAH
BLAH
BLAH
I CHOSE AN EMPTY ONE ON PURPOSE
WHAT, DID THEY COME OVER FROM A DIFFERENT CAR?

HUH...?
MAN,
CAN'T YOU BE A LITTLE QUIETER..?
BLAH

BUT . BUT IT WAS
NO WAY
SO CROWDED !!
CLATTER
PSHAA
N..
DASH
NO!

HE CALLED IT "EVIL ENERGY" OR SOMETHING
WAS IT SOMETHING LIKE THAT SHADOW YESTERDAY?! HOW STRANGE!!
HOW CAN THIS BE?
"IT'S A KIND OF ENERGY WHICH ORIENTS ITSELF TO EVERYTHING NEGATIVE"
BUT THOSE WERE GHOSTS, JUST NOW
OH— OH, MY GOD—!!
HOW CREEPY
THAT I SAW SOMETHING LIKE THAT !!
I WONDER IF I SHOULD GO BACK AND ASK KURAKI-KUN FOR ADVICE
WH... WHAT DO I DO?
IT'S WAY TOO CREEPY
THIS ISN'T GOOD
TH...
"AN EVIL GHOST WOULD STILL BE FINE, AS LONG AS IT STILL HAS HUMAN FEELINGS."

BUT...
IT WILL BE DARK SOON,
AND THE STREETS AREN'T VERY LIVELY IN THAT AREA...
I... I'LL GO HOME!
IT'S BRIGHTER AT HOME AND MOM IS THERE, TOO!
OH MAN
I SHOULD HAVE WAITED FOR TAKE-CHAN AND GONE HOME WITH HIM
Come...
Come...
HFF
You...
HFF
You come here...
HFF
Too...!!

Come inside of me ....!!
HUH ?
THE ALLEY OF THE YOUNG PRINCE?!
WHY?!
HOW DID I.. GET HERE?!

WHOOSH
AH..
EEK!
WHOOSH
BOOM
SSHH

WHOOSH

SWISH

come too...
You...
Come...

Inside of me.

once again.
me...
let's celebrate ...
And then...

AAAAH!
Let's celebrate a festival once again...!!
GRGA!
H... HEY!!
YOU'RE REALLY GOING TO LET ME DO IT?
JUST NOW, ANOTHER EVIL GHOST TURNED INTO "EVIL ENERGY".
IT'S THE HOLY SWORD "KAGU-TSUCHI"...
HUH?
TAKE THIS...
KOH!!
IT'S HERE!
THE ALLEY OF THE YOUNG PRINCE!!

KURAKI-KUN, KOH-KUN.
H... HURRY!!
WHA...?
YUKA IS HERE...
SFX: roar
OH..
OH, MY GOD...!!

KURAKI-KUN,
YUKA... IS GOING TO BE DEVOURED. HURRY UP...!
I'VE NEVER SEEN... SUCH AN ENORMOUS "EVIL ENERGY"..
DON'T WORRY.
IT HAS ONLY JUST TAKEN SHAPE, SO ITS MOVE-MENTS ARE SLOW.
BUT... IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF TIME.
DON'T MOVE, YUKA!!
DON'T PROVOKE IT!!
AH...
AH...
AAH...

KURAKI-KUN..
TURN SLOWLY TOWARDS ME!!
FOCUS ON ME!!
DON'T LET IT DISTRACT YOU! IF IT POSSESSES YOU, IT'LL BE OVER!
KURAKI-KUN!!
HE CAME... TO MY RESCUE ...?!
UH
Come...
You come too...
IT'S FRESH "EVIL ENERGY"
IT TRANSFORMED, BUT IT STILL HAS HUMAN FEELINGS
IT'S LONGING FOR ITS PAST GLORY
I CAN'T DO IT...!
IF I FAIL, SHE'LL ALSO ...!!

I'LL ADAPT MYSELF TO YOUR AURA AND HELP YOU CALL THE "ENERGY"...
DON'T WORRY.
I'LL ASSIST YOU.
TOGETHER WITH THE AMPLIFYING HOLY SWORD.
DON'T WORRY, KOH-KUN!!
THE ONE WE SAW IN IFUYA WAS A THOUSAND TIMES BIGGER THAN THIS ONE.
WITH YOUR POWER!
SAVE HER..
YOU ...
KEEP YOUR COMMENTS TO YOURSELF FROM NOW ON!
YES, SIR.

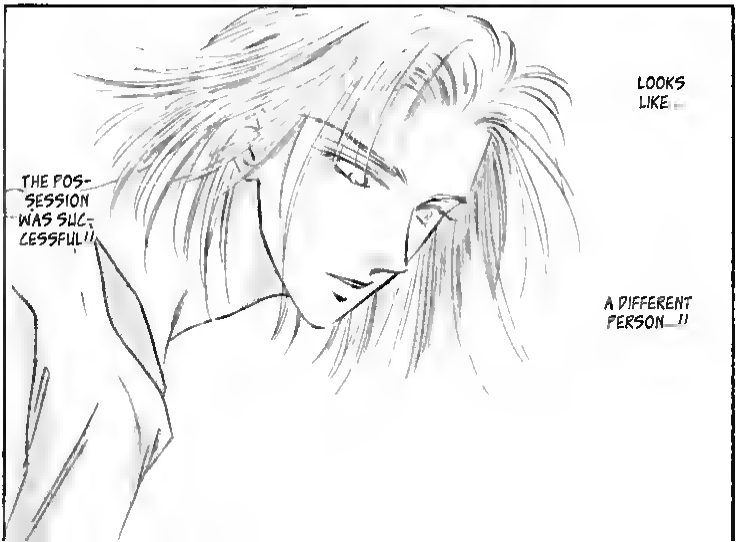
ZING
ZING
PHEW
WH
OOSH
a festival...
inside of me...!!
Let's celebrate...

OH, GREAT ENERGY ...!
SSHH
ENERGY THAT DWELLS IN THE EASTERN CAPITAL...!
I FEEL ...

AND ANSWER ME!
HEAR MY VOICE,
YOU MUST ANSWER BOTH OUR VOICES...!!
THE "ENERGY"...!!
I CAN TELL THAT ALL THE "ENERGY" AROUND HERE IS GATHERING!
APPROACH ME...

YOUR POWER!!
AND LEND ME
the wheels

I'M USED TO SEEING KURAKI-KUN'S,
BOTH.. THEIR FACES HAVE CHANGED..!
BUT KOH-KUN..


LOOKS LIKE...
THE POS-SESSION WAS SUC-CESSFUL!!
A DIFFERENT PERSON...!!

KAN.
GON.
SHIN.
WITH THIS...
A SECOND SHAMAN IS BORN!!
Let's celebrate
once again.
SON.
RI.
KON.
DA.
Once again!!

THIS...
KEN
!!
IS YOUR LAST FES-TIVAL!!

THUMP
the whack

SWORL
wabble
YUKA!

SO SO THIS.. IS WHAT BEING POS-SESSED IS LIKE!
THE "ENERGY" COMPLETELY POSSESS ME FOR THE FIRST TIME.
IT FEELS LIKE BEING CHANGED ALL THE WAY DOWN TO THE BONE!!!
I... I LET
SLUMP
HIT
HIT
HIT
WELL DONE
PAT

IF THAT BOTHERS YOU, SEE THAT YOU CAN MANAGE IT ON YOUR OWN
...!

IT'S NOT LIKE I DID IT ALONE
I KNOW THAT MUCH!
TCH ...

OF COURSE NOT

TO CASUALLY CONJURE "EVIL ENERGY"
I'M THIS EXHAUSTED FROM MERELY BEING POSSESSED BY THE "ENERGY".
YOU ARE A MONSTER, AFTER ALL!!

THAT'S BEYOND A HUMAN'S POWER
I'M NOT GONNA DO IT WITH A GUY WHO CAN ADAPT HIMSELF TO SOMEONE ELSE'S AURA AND CONTROL THE "ENERGY"!!

KOH-KUN SHOULD BE ABLE TO MAKE IT, DON'T YOU THINK?
THANK GOD.

IT WENT TO SLEEP FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THREE OR FOUR HUNDRED YEARS
YEAH
DID YOU DISSOLVE IT?

SHE HAS THE MAKINGS IN HER.
YOUR LITTLE SISTER.

HUH? FOUR?
INCLUDING YASUKO.
NO, FOUR.

YES, BECAUSE HE HATES TO LOSE.

SO WE HAVE TWO SHAMANS NOW, RIGHT?

WHAT?!
YOU CONVINCE HER FOR ME,
AND I'LL TAKE CARE OF HER TRAINING.
SHE WASN'T AWARE OF IT, BUT SHE SUCCESSFULLY EVOLVED AN EVIL GHOST.
AND WITHOUT BEING POSSESSED, AT THAT.
YOU'RE HER BIG BROTHER, AREN'T YOU?
EVEN IF I TOLD HER TO DO SOMETHING THAT SIMPLE..
THAT WON'T WORK.

IT'S OKAY OF COURSE IT'S OKAY
HOLD IT, STUPID TAKE-CHAN
I... I MIGHT BE HER BIG BROTHER ...
BUT SHE NEVER LISTENS TO A THING I SAY.
Pretending to be asleep
I HEAR YOU
I SAID I HEAR YOU!!
WELL, I'LL TRY TO TALK TO HER.

BECAUSE
BECAUSE TRAINING MEANS THAT IT'LL ONLY BE THE TWO OF US. DOESN'T IT?
I see. It might be impossible.
BUT DON'T EXPECT TOO MUCH.
I'LL TALK TO HER.
I'LL DO IT!!
THAT'S LIKE A DATE.
I CAN GO ON A DATE WITH HIM!

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